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Title of the Invention

[DESCRIPTION]

DISPENSING PACKAGE

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION This application is a
Section 371 of PCT/JP00/01359, published in English language on October 19,
2000 under W/O 00/61444, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by
reference

Technical Field

The present invention relates to a dispensing package for accommodating and displaying stick-like small articles, especially small-sized cylindrical batteries such as AA size batteries for sales purpose or the like.

Background Art

Various kinds of packages for accommodating batteries and other daily necessities are commercially available. U.S. Patent No. 5,460,322 discloses a dispensing container comprising: a case suitable for accommodating therein a plurality of products; an opening provided on an upper part of the case; a lid for closing the opening; and a tear-out flap for forming an extracting outlet provided on the sidewall adjacent its bottom end. In the field of batteries, widely used are so-called shrink-packages or blister-packages in which two or four batteries are wrapped by means of heat-shrinkable resin tubes. When such packages for accommodating articles are displayed, being aligned on a showcase at a storefront or suspended, customers can visually confirm with ease types, grades or brand names of contents, and the packages for accommodating articles are also conveniently portable.